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A STORM THAT

DESTRUCTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIANOLA RECALL-ED.

Yesterday the Twenty-second Anniversary of That Terrible Catastrophe-Survivors Now Living In San Antonio.

San Antonio Express, 17th.

Yesterday was the twenty second anniversary of the most terrible storm and flood in the annals of Texas. Twenty-two years ago yesterday, and on a Friday, Indianola, the pretnest little town of all Texas, was years ago yesterday. Its surlaid waste by storm and water. Over 100 lives were lost, only three houses were left standing, and the coast for miles was strewn with dead bodies and wreckage.

Indianola was founded in 1846 by the German pioneers who came over to this country with the Prince Solms Braunfels colony. The colonists were soon stricken with fever and various ills. There was no shelter for them, save hogsheads and barrels brought from the ship, and these were turned into homes for the sick until houses could be erected.

But Indianola thrived. It was the rival of Galveston, and the entre port for most of th European commerce with Texits was a thriving little port of neatly white painted cot tages. In 1875 it was a town of 5000 inhabitants. That was the year of the awful storm.

The startling information was conveyed to the residents of San Antonio from Galveston on September 21, when the San Antonio Daily Express published the terrible story. The account came in a roundabout way wia Galveston, and opens with this pathetic appeal from the late Hon. W. H. Crain, then district attorney of Indianola: We are destitute. The town is gone. Onestenth of the population is gone. Dead bodies are strewn for twenty miles along the bay. Nine-tenths of the houses are destroyed. Send us Texas help, for God's sake."

The account then continues: "On Wednesday, the 15, the wind was from the east, veering to the north. On Thursday

was a foot deep. were seeking places of safety. The wind blew fearfully. Night came on and the situation was awful Screams from women and children could be heard from every direction. The wa-

"About 2 o'clock Friday Astruction came. Houses cal.

were washed away or tumbled to pieces. The wind toward morning began to Iull a little. A Mexican Gambler Killed Daylight began to break, and then could we behold the destruction around as. The town could not be discerned as the Indianola of the previous day. Ruin, total ruin everywhere. Houses were crushed, others swayed and leaning over. The dead bodies of men, women and children were found everywhere. How many have lost houses at the Fiesta grounds their lives in this fearful storm in the presence of at least is hard to tell. Up to this time twenty-five people. Ruberto seventy bodies have been re- Gomez, a Mexican gambler, covered. It is estimated that aged about 22, had charge of

the dead will number 150." vivors are scattered all over the State. Some of them are living in San Antonio. Mr. M. D. Monserrate, vice president and general manager of the railway, was one of them. He \$15, and fled. was railroading then on the

enough to escape. The family of Chief Railway Mail Clerk Lippold, Mrs. Minor, Mrs. Milby and a number of others are all survivors of

Only three houses were left, standing and a great many people left the illfated place. But Indianola by the sea was such a pretty little place that many of its citizens would not leave it, so they built up the the case and doubtless will little town again. Then in soon have the guilty party be-1886 the terrible disaster of hind the bars. 1875 was repeated. Only one house was left standing. was a large frame warehouse of Mr. Dan Sullivan. That storm was the death blow to Indianola. The survivors left the place after having lost all The railroad moved to Port Lavnea, and many Indianolans moved to that place. To-day in Judge Kilgore's condition action looking to the appreonly the empty watchouse of Mr. Sullivan stands on the site of the ill stared town, and one solitary fisherman holds lonely vigil over debris of what was once the prettiest and most prosperous seaport of the State

factories and other industries them the Express representamorning it became more steady have closed down, thus throw- tive is informed that there is increasing to a gale. The water ing all the laboring people out very little hope for his recovof employment; that nearly all ery. "Men, women; and children the sick are of that class and such emergencies, therefore I didn't have any other weapan appeal is made to the pub- on handy." lic for subscriptions to be used for the purchase of medi- Last year the only four ter now was six feet in the cines, etc., for the sick, who States that produced asphalare unable to care for them- turn were California, Colorado, morning the wind veered to selves. The appeal is signed Texas and Utah. Indian Terthe northwest. The waves then by Harry T. Howard, mayor, ritory also contributed some. ecame chopped, and ruin and and the members of the coun-

A MASKED ASSASSIN.

and Robbed Before the Eyes of Twenty-Five People.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept.

17.-Last night about 12 o'clock there was a sensational and cold-blooded murder committed in one of the gambling a wheel of fortune in the east This tetrible affliction befell end of the room and was busithe illfated town twenty-two ly engaged counting his money, when suddenly a man with a handkerchief over his face entered a nearby door, shot Gomez through the left temple grabbed all the money San Antonio & Aransas Pass in sight, amounting to about

Immediately after the shoot-Texas & Gulf Western road, ing other parties in the room D. Sullivan, the banker, was ran to the assistance of Gomez another of those fortunate and found him lying unconscious on the floor, while his brains oozed out, forming a ghastly puddle. Dr. Seelson arrived on the scene, but medical aid could accomplish nothing, and within an hour after the shooting Gomez was

So far there is no clew to the assassin, but the authorities are diligently at work on

doned Hope of His Recovery.

Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 16.undermined his constitution, Tuesday. and he is in no condition to withstand the recent attack of his old trouble, which is pro-BILOXI APPEALS FOR AID nounced by his physicians as Biloxi, Miss., Sept. 17 .- being obstructive jaundice. The city council today adopt- Only a few of his honor's intied resolutions calling on the mate friends were allowed to public for aid, stating that all see him today and by one of

Being asked "why she shot unable to purchase medicines her hasband with a pistol," a and other things necessary in callous wife replied; "Because

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Washington, September 17: -At today's cabinet meeting, lasting over two hours, the Alaskan situation was discussd. Secretary of War Alber had a report from Captain Ray, who has just arrived at St. Michaels, which furnished the basis for the discussion and the course which was decided upon. Captain Ray's report was in the nature of an urgent appeal for troops to preserve peace and order during the coming winter. There are a vast amount of stores and supplies at St. Michaels and there is not a United States soldier in the whole Territory of Alaska. After considering the subject it was decided to send a company of KILGORE'S CONDITION, infantry to St. Michaels as possible. Secretary Alger will Physicians Have About Aban- arrange the details immediately and he hopes to have the company sail within a week, probably from Seattle.

It is utiderstood that the ad There is very little if anychange ministration will take some tonight. He is not suffering hension and punishment of the very great pain, but his con-assassin of Loftin, the colored tinued bad health for the past postmaster at Hogansville, three months has completely Ga., who was murdered on

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> "Yes; there is just one thing more absurd."

"What is that?"

"The ideas people in large cities have of small towns."-Chicago Record.

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